

CRAGGY RANGE

2024 Te Kahu

GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKE'S BAY

Te Kahu embodies the essence of a Bordeaux-style “vineyard blend,” reflecting planting percentages of the vineyard with a Merlot-dominant composition followed by Cabernet Sauvignon. Crafted from fruit grown in our Gimblett Gravels Estate vineyard, showcasing ripe black and red fruit flavours with a softer tannin profile, ideal for shorter aging. Sourced from multiple blocks, it harmonises higher-toned red fruit from silty soils with darker, concentrated black fruit from stony blocks, resulting in a blend prioritising drinkability and complexity.

TASTING NOTE

*49% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon,
20% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec*

Deep crimson red with a purple hue. The nose is concentrated, led by notes of black and blue fruits, black olive and dried tobacco. The palate shows vibrant energy, amplifying blue-fruit and liquorice characters, all framed by dark chocolate-laced tannins that deliver a classical structure.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

Delayed bud break due to a cool, late winter, followed by a windy, mild spring, meant lower yields. A warm, dry summer period resulted in extended hang time. 2024 was an iconic season for Hawke's Bay, delivering concentrated yet fresh fruit. Individual parcels were hand-harvested and vinified separately in closed top fermenters with moderate temperatures and low extraction techniques. The wine spent an average of 21 days on skins in the fermenter before pressing and aging in French oak barriques for 12 months with 22% new oak, prior to blending. It was then aged for a further 6 months before being fined, filtered, and bottled in November 2025.

ALCOHOL	13.5
RESIDUAL SUGAR	<0.5 g/l
PH	3.68
ACIDITY	5.9 g/l



2024	95 Points 93 Points	James Suckling Ken Gargett
2021	93 Points 92 Points	James Suckling Erin Larkin – Wine Advocate
2020	94 Points 93 Points 90 Points	James Suckling Bob Campbell MW Rebecca Gibb MW – Vinous
2019	94+ Points 92 Points 91 Points	Andrew Caillard MW Decanter Wine Awards Ollie Smith – Decanter
2018	94 Points	James Suckling